

Re: bike path

Subject: Re: bike path
From: Michael Owens <michael.owens@lacity.org>
Date: 4/16/20, 11:14 AM
To: Jeff Jacobberger <jeff.jacobberger@lacity.org>
CC: Sarah Bell <sarah.bell@lacity.org>

Higher than the CEO?

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On Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 11:08 AM Jeff Jacobberger <jeff.jacobberger@lacity.org> wrote:

Michael:

Can we ask Laren if we can speak to someone higher up in his chain of command to possibly get a different answer?

Jeff

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On Wed, Apr 15, 2020 at 2:28 PM Michael Owens <michael.owens@lacity.org> wrote:

Thoughts in how we want to respond? I think there is also a health issue aspect but running it by you

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From: **Laren Bunker** <LBUNKER@dpw.lacounty.gov>

Date: Wed, Apr 15, 2020 at 2:19 PM

Subject: RE: bike path

To: Michael Owens <michael.owens@lacity.org>

Cc: Jonathan King <JKING@dpw.lacounty.gov>

The answer that came from the CEO is that there needs to be a strong argument regarding public safety to justify moving encampments, especially in light of the State's guidance not to move homeless encampments and potentially risk lives. The current situation doesn't rise to that level based on their understanding of the situation and they won't be recommending we move forward unless there is something else they aren't aware of. I'm kind of at a loss at this point, so if you have something else you'd like to add let me know, but they view the risk of moving the encampments outweighs the benefit.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Thanks,

Laren T. Bunker, P.E.
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Office: (818) 896-0594

From: Laren Bunker
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 12:20 PM
To: Michael Owens <michael.owens@lacity.org>
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We'll keep you posted.

Thanks,

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From: Michael Owens <michael.owens@lacity.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 12:00 PM

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To: Laren Bunker <LBUNKER@dpw.lacounty.gov>
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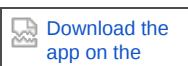
ok please keep me posted. I have safety concerns if we are not coordinating the effort.

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On Wed, Apr 15, 2020 at 11:58 AM Laren Bunker <LBUNKER@dpw.lacounty.gov> wrote:

Since homeless encampments are currently prohibited (without special approval from CEO Office) due to the Covid-19 crisis, we have routed our request to them for approval before we would be allowed to participate and are awaiting their response. I just found out this morning that the person making the final decision for the CEO is now off on extended leave (no idea whether it's related to Covid), so this has been assigned to someone else in the meantime. This is the first one we've asked for and exemption on, so I don't know how long this process is supposed to take, but I'll let you know once I get an answer.

We have been working with Sarah Bell and will keep her in the loop since she is coordinating the City's portion. Since the construction will be entirely within the City's portion, getting that cleaned up should be the priority regardless whether we are granted permission to participate. If we can get them out of our area as well, it will be an added bonus.

Thanks,

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From: Michael Owens <michael.owens@lacity.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 11:43 AM
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Hi Laren,

On April 22 the City plans construction for the new bike path. What is the current status of the County's cleanup efforts? Since there is a County portion - the greenway - can we coordinate? Please let me know and stay safe.

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